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## **The North Dakota State Water Commission continuing to monitor Tolna Dam**

The State Water Commission and local Emergency Managers from the Nelson County Water Resource District are continuing to monitor the hole in the Tolna Dam spillway. Water continues to flow through the opening, but levels in the reservoir have dropped, relieving the pressure on the structure.

This week, Tolna Dam will be thoroughly inspected by State Water Commission staff. After the inspection, options for repair, replacement or removal of the dam will be developed. The State Water Commission would once again like to stress that a breach has not taken place and if the dam should breach, the possible impacts along the Sheyenne River would be minor.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have opened ND Highway 15 from the junction of ND Highway 20 to ND Highway 1.

No evacuations or sheltering is necessary or anticipated at this time. The State Water Commission, along with the North Dakota Department of Transportation, and the Department of Emergency Services are working together to monitor all efforts and will continue to keep the public informed.